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In re patent application of:

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For: POLYAMIDE-BASED SAUSAGE SKIN WHICH CAN BE FILLED MANUALLY

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR  
RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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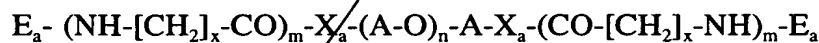
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This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated August 1, 2000 concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

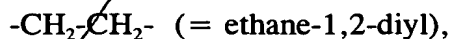
Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A biaxially stretched and thermoset, tubular, seamless, single-layer or a biaxially stretched and thermoset, tubular, seamless, multiple-layer food casing in which the layer or, in the case of multiple-layer casings, at least one of the layers comprises a block copolymer containing "hard" aliphatic polyamide blocks having a glass-transition temperature of from 20 to 80°C and "soft" aliphatic polyether blocks having a glass-transition temperature of from -100 to -20°C, which block copolymer corresponds to one of the formulae I to III



where

A is an alkanediyl radical of the formula



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